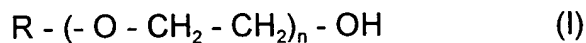


## AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

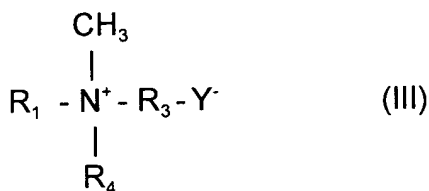
1. (Currently Amended) A built laundry detergent composition comprising

- (i) from 5 to 40 wt% of surfactant consisting essentially of:
  - (i)(a) an anionic sulfonate or sulfate surfactant,
  - (i)(b) an ethoxylated alcohol nonionic surfactant of the general formula I



wherein R is a hydrocarbyl chain having from 8 to 16 carbon atoms, and the average degree of ethoxylation  $n$  is from 20 to 50,

- (i)(c) a quaternary ammonium cationic surfactant, of the formula III:



in which  $R_1$  is a  $C_{12}$ - $C_{14}$  alkyl group,  $R_3$  and  $R_4$  are different and are methyl or hydroxyethyl groups and  $Y^-$  is a monovalent solubilising anion.

- (ii) from 10 to 80 wt% of detergency builder,
- (iii) optionally other detergent ingredients to 100 wt%.

2. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises from 7 to 30 wt% of the surfactant (i).
3. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the surfactant (i) consists essentially of:
- (i)(a) from 20 to 98 wt% of the anionic sulfonate or sulfate detergent;
  - (i)(b) from 1 to 60 wt% of the nonionic surfactant, and
  - (i)(c) from 1 to 60 wt% of the cationic surfactant.
4. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises, based on the composition:
- (i)(a) from 1 to 20 wt% of the anionic sulfonate or sulfate detergent;
  - (i)(b) from 0.5 to 20 wt% of the nonionic surfactant, and
  - (i)(c) from 0.1 to 20 wt% of the cationic surfactant.
5. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the weight ratios between the surfactants are within the following ranges:

(i)(a) : (i)(b)	1.5:1 - 25:1
(i)(a) : (i)(c)	0.2:1 - 5:1
(i)(b) : (i)(c)	0.1:1 - 3:1

6. (Canceled)

7. (Currently Amended) A detergent composition as claimed in claim ~~6~~1, wherein the surfactant (i) consists essentially of:

- (i)(a) from 50 to 98 wt% of the anionic sulfonate or sulfate detergent;
- (i)(b) from 1 to 30 wt% of the nonionic surfactant, and
- (i)(c) from 1 to 30 wt% of the cationic surfactant.

8. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 7, wherein the surfactant (i) consists essentially of:

- (i)(a) from 60 to 95 wt% of the anionic sulfonate or sulfate detergent;
- (i)(b) from 5 to 25 wt% of the nonionic surfactant, and
- (i)(c) from 5 to 25 wt% of the cationic surfactant.

9. (Currently Amended) A detergent composition as claimed in claim-~~6~~1, which comprises, based on the composition:

- (i)(a) from 3 to 30 wt% of the anionic sulfonate or sulfate detergent;
- (i)(b) from 0.5 to 10 wt% of the nonionic surfactant, and
- (i)(c) from 0.1 to 10 wt% of the cationic surfactant.

10. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 9, which comprises, based on the composition:

- (i)(a) from 5 to 25 wt% of the anionic sulfonate or sulfate detergent;
- (i)(b) from 1 to 5 wt% of the nonionic surfactant, and
- (i)(c) from 0.2 to 5 wt% of the cationic surfactant.

11. (Currently Amended) A detergent composition as claimed in claim-~~6~~1, wherein the weight ratios between the surfactants are within the following ranges:

(i)(a):(i)(b)	2:1 - 25:1
(i)(a):(i)(c)	2:1 - 50:1
(i)(b):(i)(c)	0.1:1 - 3:1

12. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 11, wherein the weight ratios between the surfactants are within the following ranges:

(i)(a) : (i)(b)	3:1 - 20:1
(i)(a) : (i)(c)	3:1 - 30:1
(i)(b) : (i)(c)	0.5:1 - 2:1

Claims 13-21 (canceled).

22. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ethoxylated nonionic surfactant (i)(b) has a hydrocarbon chain containing from 10 to 16 carbon atoms.

23. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 22, wherein the ethoxylated nonionic surfactant (i)(b) has a hydrocarbon chain containing from 12 to 15 carbon atoms.

24. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the ethoxylated nonionic surfactant (i)(b) has an average degree of ethoxylation  $n$  of from 25 to 40.

25. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the anionic surfactant (i)(a) is linear alkylbenzene sulfonate.

26 (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, wherein the composition is free from nonionic surfactants other than the nonionic surfactant (i)(b).

27. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises from 10 to 40 wt% of a detergency builder (ii) selected from the group consisting of sodium

tripolyphosphate, zeolites, sodium carbonate, sodium citrate, layered silicates, and combinations thereof.

28. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, which comprises one or more optional ingredients (iii) selected from the group consisting of soaps, peroxyacid and persalt bleaches, bleach activators, sequestrants, cellulose ethers and esters, other antiredeposition agents, sodium sulfate, sodium silicate, sodium chloride, calcium chloride, sodium bicarbonate, other inorganic salts, fluorescers, photobleaches, polyvinyl pyrrolidone, other dye transfer inhibiting polymers, foam controllers, foam boosters, acrylic and acrylic/maleic polymers, proteases, lipases, cellulases, amylases, other detergent enzymes, citric acid, soil release polymers, fabric conditioning compounds, coloured speckles, and perfume.

29. (Original) A detergent composition as claimed in claim 1, which is in powder form.

30. (Original) A process for laundering textile fabrics by machine or hand, which includes the step of immersing the fabrics in a wash liquor comprising water in which a laundry detergent composition as claimed in claim 1 is dissolved or dispersed.